

## **REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed November 7, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that the pending claims would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 was overcome. As indicated above, Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to further recite the action of "displaying the determined printing costs to a user on a display device". Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment both specifies a machine (i.e., a display device) and further transforms something into a different state (i.e., stored data into visual information). As such, amended claim 1 is believed to pass the machine-or-transformation test affirmed by the Court of Appeal for the Federal Circuit in *In re Bilski*, No. 2007-1130, 2008 U.S. App. LEXIS 22479 (Fed. Cir. Oct. 30, 2008) (en banc).

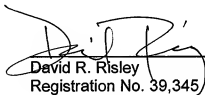
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are directed to statutory subject matter as defined by 35 U.S.C. § 101 and are presently in condition for allowance.

Applicant further notes that claims 4-6, 8-10, and 14-30 have been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims or variants thereof in further patent applications to be filed later.

### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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